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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES LOCKHEED
INVESTIGATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL

REF: A) LAGOS 2461, B) STATE 54841

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR SANU REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, BEFORE HIS RETURN TO LAGOS MARCH 12, TO DISCUSS THE LOCKHEED CASE. SANU EMPHASIZED THE NIGERIAN DESIRE TO UNCOVER POSSIBLE CORRUPTION IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED THE VALUE OF PROCEDURES WHICH ALLOWED INVESTIGATIONS TO PROCEED BY TWO GOVERNMENTS AT ONCE. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR SANU AND DCM OBE CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SHORTLY AFTER MEETING ON THE SAME SUBJECT IN THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE. (SEPTEL) AMBASSADOR SANU BEGAN
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BY THANKING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SEEING HIM ON VERY

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SHORT NOTICE AND SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO SEEK
A MEETING WITH MR. INGERSOLL PERSONALLY. AMBASSADOR SANU
SAID HE HAD A GOOD MEETING IN JUSTICE IN WHICH HE HAD
GONE OVER THE NEW PROCEDURES FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
IN SOME DETAIL. MR. INGERSOLL REPLIED THAT IF THE
NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE A REQUEST, THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE WOULD ASSIST BY REQUESTING INFORMATION FOR
NIGERIA FROM THE SEC AND THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES. THE REASON FOR THE NEW
PROCEDURES, HE CONTINUED, IS SO THAT WORK CAN BE DONE ON
THE CASE WITHOUT GIVING RISE TO A GREAT MANY UNSUB-
STANTIATED ALLEGATIONS. SANU REPLIED THAT HE WAS GRATE-
FUL FOR THE PROCEDURES; THAT THE NIGERIANS DID NOT WANT
A WITCH HUNT, BUT DID WISH TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS TO THE
EXTENT POSSIBLE AND IN PARTICULAR TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
ANY CIVIL SERVANTS WERE INVOLVED. THE FMG IS NOT
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS BUT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE POSSIBILITY
THAT MIDDLEMEN MAY HAVE INVOLVED CIVIL SERVANTS IN
IMPROPER ACTIVITIES. THE INVESTIGATION IN LAGOS MIGHT
SUGGEST WAYS TO ELIMINATE THE MIDDLEMAN AND IMPROVE
PROCEDURES, PERHAPS BY EMPHASIZING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERN-
MENT DEALS IN THE FUTURE. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS GOING TO
LAGOS THAT EVENING AND SAID THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO WAIT FOR MONTHS TO DEVELOP
THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IT WAS PRECISELY
FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAD INSTITUTED THESE PROCEDURES.
THE US JUDICIAL SYSTEM DOES NOT NORMALLY RELEASE INFOR-
MATION BEFORE AN INDICTMENT, BUT UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT
BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE REQUESTING GOVERNMENT
COULD PURSUE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AT THE SAME TIME.
MR. INGERSOLL NOTED THAT PUBLICITY COULD PREJUDICE A
CASE IN THE UNITED STATES AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR
CONFIDENTIALITY DURING INVESTIGATIVE STAGES.

3. AMBASSADOR SANU THANKED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND

SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WHEN HE RETURNED.
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4. THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING COVERED OTHER SUBJECTS
REPORTED SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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